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1. (Once Amended) A container comprising:

a bottom panel;

first and second side panels extending upwardly from said bottom panel;

first and second end panels extending upwardly from said bottom panel;

first and second minor interior wall flaps foldingly connected to said first side panel, extending perpendicularly to said bottom panel such that said first and second minor interior wall flaps are parallel to said first and second end panels;

third and fourth minor interior wall flaps foldingly connected to said second side panel, extending perpendicularly to said bottom panel such that said third and fourth minor interior wall flaps are parallel to said first and second end panels;

a first hinged platform structure attached to said first end panel along a first hinge offset from a top of said first and second minor interior wall flaps, said first hinged platform structure being integral with said first end panel; and

a second hinged platform structure attached to said second end panel along a second hinge offset from a top of said third and fourth minor interior wall flaps, said second hinged platform structure being integral with said second end panel.

2. The container of claim 1, wherein said first hinged platform structure comprises a first top platform, a first end folding flap, and first and second side reinforcement flaps, and said second hinged platform structure comprises a second top platform, a second end folding flap, and third and fourth side reinforcement flaps.

3. The container of claim 2, wherein said first hinged platform structure further comprises first and second minor platform panels, and said second hinged platform structure further comprises third and fourth minor platform panels, said first and second minor platform

panels being above said first top platform and said third and fourth minor platform panels being above said second top platform.

4. The container of claim 2, wherein said first hinged platform structure further comprises first and second minor platform panels, and said second hinged platform structure further comprises third and fourth minor platform panels, said first and second minor platform panels being under said first top platform and said third and fourth minor platform panels being below said second top platform.

5. The container of claim 1, further comprising a first handhold below said first hinge in said first end panel and a second handhold below said second hinge in said second end panel.

6. The container of claim 1, wherein said first hinged platform structure comprises a rollover panel having rollover tabs positioned to fit into rollover tab receptacles.

7. The container of claim 1, wherein said container comprises corrugated fiberboard and said first and second side panels contain vertically corrugated fiberboard.

8. (Once Amended) The container of claim 1, wherein said first and second hinged platforms are adapted to be moved to an open position such that said first and second hinged platforms are angled away from the inside of said container.

9. The container of claim 8, wherein said first and second hinged platforms each include a pair of cornered tabs positioned to receive a bottom of a stacked container.

10. A blank for forming a container, said blank being a single flat piece of corrugated fiberboard cut and scored to provide:

a bottom panel;

first and second side panels extending outwardly from said bottom panel;

first and second end panels extending outwardly from said bottom panel;

a first end folding flap extending outwardly from said first end panel;

a second end folding flap extending outwardly from said second end panel;

first and second top platforms extending outwardly respectively from said first and second end folding flaps;

first and second side reinforcement flaps extending outwardly from said first end folding flap;

third and fourth side reinforcement flaps extending outwardly from said second end folding flap; and

first, second, third, and fourth minor platform panels extending outwardly respectively from said first, second, third, and fourth side reinforcement flaps.

11. The blank of claim 10, further comprising first and second minor interior wall flaps extending from said first side panel and third and fourth minor interior wall flaps extending from said second side panel.

12. The blank of claim 10, further comprising a first hinge crease between said first end panel and said first end folding flap and a second hinge crease between said second end panel and said second end folding flap.

13. The blank of claim 12, further comprising a first handhold cut into said first end folding flap and a second handhold cut into said second end folding flap.

17. (Once Amended) A method of using a container, comprising:
providing a container having end walls, side walls, and minor interior wall flaps,
said minor interior wall flaps adjacent said end walls, with hinged
platform structures attached to said end walls along a hinge offset from
a top of said minor interior wall flaps;
moving said hinged platform structures to an open position;
loading said container; and
closing said hinged platform structures to a closed position.

24. (New) A blank for forming a container, said blank being a single flat piece of corrugated fiberboard cut and scored to provide:
a bottom panel;

first and second side panels extending outwardly from said bottom panel;
first and second end panels extending outwardly from said bottom panel;
a first end folding flap extending outwardly from said first end panel;
a second end folding flap extending outwardly from said second end panel;
first and second minor interior wall flaps extending from said first side panel;
third and fourth minor interior wall flaps extending from said second side panel;
first and second top platforms extending outwardly respectively from said first
and second end folding flaps;
first and second side reinforcement flaps extending outwardly from said first
end folding flap;
third and fourth side reinforcement flaps extending outwardly from said second
end folding flap; and
first, second, third, and fourth minor platform panels extending outwardly
respectively from said first, second, third, and fourth side reinforcement
flaps.

25. (New) A blank for forming a container, said blank being a single flat piece of corrugated fiberboard cut and scored to provide:

a bottom panel;
first and second side panels extending outwardly from said bottom panel;
first and second end panels extending outwardly from said bottom panel;
a first end folding flap extending outwardly from said first end panel;
a second end folding flap extending outwardly from said second end panel;
a first hinge crease between said first end panel and said first end folding flap;
a second hinge crease between said second end panel and said second end
folding flap;
a first handhold cut into said first end folding flap;
a second handhold cut into said second end folding flap;
first and second top platforms extending outwardly respectively from said first
and second end folding flaps;
first and second side reinforcement flaps extending outwardly from said first
end folding flap;

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third and fourth side reinforcement flaps extending outwardly from said second end folding flap; and

first, second, third, and fourth minor platform panels extending outwardly respectively from said first, second, third, and fourth side reinforcement flaps.
